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## Fleet 5 Newsletter

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### GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ

Where to start? I guess first off, I'd like to recognize the generosity of **Jennifer & Steve Uhl** for opening their home to us yet again for another spectacular Race Week party. It was a perfect location on a perfect night. And of course, I'd be remiss if I failed to also acknowledge the continuing efforts of our fleet social director **Jim Raisides**, who once again saw to it that our fleet bar was topped-off and in attendance. Many thanks to all of them.

I'd also like to recognize the herculean efforts of **John Casler** and his team for putting together one hell of a Fleet 5 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. One hundred and forty Fleet 5ers from across multiple generations were in attendance, including a healthy contingent from today's fleet. It was a spectacular evening from beginning to end, and it really underscored the camaraderie and community that so differentiates Fleet 5. **Fred Brehob, Kent Hallawell, Norm Cressy** and **John Casler** were rightly recognized for their lifetime of service and contribution to the Fleet. It's safe to say that this 'clubhouse' we all enjoy so much would not be what it is today without all that they've done over the years. So, many thanks to them.

And how about Race Week. Congratulations to **Pete Kaznoski** and **Evan 'the Kid' Cooke** for a very well-sailed and consistent performance. No one has worked harder for it than Pete and he deserves this success. I couldn't be happier for him. But this regatta really served to underscore how our fleet has evolved. Deep doesn't begin to describe it. You guys gave up nothing. Everything was a battle. The slightest mistake could lose you 5-10 boats – in an instant. It was just tremendously competitive sailing from the first day to the last. What a great bunch of sailors and a great bunch of people.

Finally a couple of reminders. The first is that the long awaited return of the Picnic Race is scheduled for Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>. Details will be forthcoming in an email blast, but please plan to check it out. What a great opportunity to get the kids in the boat for a little low-key racing and a Misery Island beach day, all rolled into one. The other reminder is that the polls are now open for the electronic compass vote. There is more on that below-, but the short answer is that, if you want your Tactic, vote no, and do it before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We're heading into the dog days but there is a lot more sailing left. See you on the water.

### POLLS ARE OPEN ON ELECTRONIC COMPASSES

It's time to let your voice be heard. As expected, the Summer Mainsheet published a proposed amendment to the class rules RE 32.05, which reads as follows;

*"Marine compass. Electronic compasses and other electronic devices capable of providing real-time direction are prohibited."*

If this proposed language is approved, that would unequivocally eliminate use of electronic compasses. If it is voted down, fleet members would be allowed to continue to use their electronic compasses under the Technical Committee interpretation FAQ 16. To **vote no** and preserve your right to continue using your electronic compass, might we propose language to the effect "Sail number XXXX votes against Proposed Amended Rule RE 32.05. Electronic compasses should be allowed." Ballots **must be received by October 1, 2011**, by the class association secretary: email [pgm944@yahoo.com](mailto:pgm944@yahoo.com) or mail **Peter Meissner** at 9 Bradford Road, Plympton, MA 02367.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nationals** The 2011 Nationals will be held in Chicago on August 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. NOR and entry form are at [www.rhodes19.org](http://www.rhodes19.org) or for more info email **Jennifer Wohlberg** at [jwohlberg11@yahoo.com](mailto:jwohlberg11@yahoo.com).

**Picnic Race – August 21st** The first (in a while) annual Picnic Race to Misery Island will be held on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>. For details, contact **John Casler** at [johnscasler@gmail.com](mailto:johnscasler@gmail.com).

**Labor Day Party – Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM** – Our traditional potluck Labor Day party will be hosted again this year by **Sloan & Charlie Pendleton** at their home at 33 Nanepashemet Street.

**MRA Awards Banquet – Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> at CYC** The MRA awards dinner will be held at CYC this year. Keep an eye on the MRA web site [www.mheadrace.org](http://www.mheadrace.org) for details.

**Fleet 5 Awards Party – TBA** Fleet 5's very festive annual potluck awards party will be held in late October or early November. New fleet officers will be elected in a short meeting following the awards. The proposed slate will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. More details to come.

**SHORT TACKS**

*Got News? Let's hear from you. Send your gossip, rumors and embarrassing tidbits to [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net). We'll get the word out.*

**Fleet 5 Chips In To Run Junior Race Week** Fleet 5 members and alumni showed up in force to contribute to this year's Marblehead Junior Race Week. On the organization side, **Kim Hutchinson** and **Katie Bloxham** staffed the registration desk, and **Sally Tompkins** ran the critical check-in and checkout operations from onshore. Out on the water, Fleet 5 alumni **Andrew Savage** organized and ran the safety operations, and **Charlie Pendleton** and **Mike Lane** served on safety boats. On the race management side, **Kim Pandapas** and **Conway Felton** served as PROs for the Opti Champ and Laser lines respectively. In addition, **Jerry Blouin**, **Christina Pandapas**, **Tim McCaffrey**, **Tommy Tomkins**, **Peter Frisch** and **Alex Felton** all served on race committee. Thanks to all.

**2012 East Coasts** Circle the dates. The 2012 East Coasts Championships will be held in Marblehead June 21-24, 2012, hosted by Fleet 5 and the Corinthian Yacht Club. **Jeff Shoreman** and **JP Zonnenberg** are co-chairing the regatta committee and will certainly need your help. Contact them at them at [JShoreman@EzeCastleSoftware.com](mailto:JShoreman@EzeCastleSoftware.com) and [jpzonnenberg@prtm.com](mailto:jpzonnenberg@prtm.com).

**The Rotners to Return?** We hear that Laser sailor **Ben Rotner** is leaning on his dad **Phil Rotner** to race their Rhodes together next season. For those who don't know Phil, his sailing lineage dates all the back to Pleon when he raced with **Rob Hallawell**. Phil and wife **Kim Rotner** have made it out in their blue O'Day 'Off Call' from time-to-time in recent years, but mostly on Thursday nights. Phil and Ben also have done the occasional Race Week sailing with Phil's dad **Howard Rotner**. But it sounds like this time they're planning to get a bit more serious. Ben is the instigator and we're delighted at the prospects of yet another family team on our starting line. Maybe they'll even get Ben's younger brother **Sam Rotner** to join them.

**KP's Random Thoughts On Race Week** When did **Pete & the Kid** start going so fast? **Bruce Bolen** is everywhere on the race course - every time I look up, there he is. Why haven't the **Feltons** won Race Week? It sure is nice to see **Chris Small** and **Doug Trees** back on the race course together again. Why are the conditions during Race Week always so different from our normal conditions? It happens year after year. Lots of OCSs and continuous pileups at the pin usually suggest something. Hmmm - wait a minute, I know this, give me a second. Oh yea, these guys are unruly, it must be time for an i-flag. Seriously, I thought **Anne Coulombe** and the BYC race committee did a great job. **Joe Fava & Elise Mazareas** are going to need to line up a 3<sup>rd</sup> for the heavy days. As the fleet has sped up and gotten deeper, there is more convergence at the weather mark, so port tack approaches are more dangerous that they used to be. I wonder if **Rick Smyers** still likes me after that downwind port-starboard incident. **Bill & Renee Heffernan** held their own in the fresher breeze on Friday and Saturday - she said it was due to the car keys. **Mike Carpenter** continues to be the best heavy air driver in the fleet. Where the hell is **Rick Saunders**? The people on the green boat keep changing - how many **Adams** are there anyway? My wife actually said "No" to a request to put on a little vang. Can all-out mutiny be far behind? Boy is **Jamie Holley** a good sailor. Ditto **Seamus Hourihan** and **Peter Frisch**. I wish **JP Zonnenberg** had sailed. After helping **Elise Mazareas** step and tune their mast until 10PM Tuesday night, it occurs to me that **Charlie Pendleton** deserves any success he gets for all the work he puts into this fleet. It also occurs to me that after Charlie did all that, Joe and Elise went out and beat him. **Mike Lane** sure looks happier sailing an O'Day. I'm glad I don't have to sail against the **Jim Taylor-Cindy Smith** team every day - that's a deadly fast combination. **Nat Taylor** ain't so bad either! And last but not least, hitting race week with two of someone else's 12-year olds as crew is an unbelievably selfless and generous act. There is a place in heaven for **Jerry Blouin**.

**FLEET 5 JUNIORS HIT THE LINE IN JUNIOR RACE WEEK**

No fewer than 16 sons and daughters of Fleet 5 members and alumni took to the water for the 2011 edition of Junior Race Week. Leading the pack with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the 38 boat Opti Green odd division was **Hunter Zonnenberg**, who finished with 30 points over 10 races. That placed him 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 73 boat Opti Green fleet. Congratulations Hunter. Sailing Opti Greens in the even-division was **Cricket Tomkins**, daughter of **Tommy Tompkins** and granddaughter of **Henry Peper**. Cricket took 8<sup>th</sup> in the evens and which was good for 16<sup>th</sup> overall. Also sailing Opti Greens in the odd division were **Brook Pendleton**, **Hannah Frisch** and **Nell Nyffenegger**, who finished 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> respectively in that division.

Out on the Opti Champ line, as usual **Clark Uhl** was the class of the class, taking 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with 35 points in the 57 boat fleet. Clark is a superbly consistent sailor and a real pleasure to watch. Congratulations Clark! **Stewart Hutchinson**, **Robbie Dinsmore** and **Ben Hutchinson** also raced on the Opti Champ line, finishing 26<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 40 respectively.

Five sons of Fleet 5 and alumni sailed lasers this year, four in the 36 boat radial division and one in the eight-boat 4.7 division. **William Bloxham** took 5<sup>th</sup> in the Laser radials with 47 points. Congratulations William! **Matt Adam**, who also raced senior Race Week with his dad **Mike Lane**, finished 15<sup>th</sup>. **Thornton Uhl** took 17<sup>th</sup> and **Ben Rotner** took 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the smaller 4.7 division, **Jamie Bloxham** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with 19 points. Congratulations Jamie!

Finally out on the 420 line, **Cameron Holley** took 5<sup>th</sup> in that very competitive 57 boat fleet. Great Job Cameron! And also out on the 420 Green division, sailing 420s for the first time, were **Nicholas Pandapas** and **Nick Ivers**, who finished 29<sup>th</sup>. But that was just the beginning for the two 12-year olds, who then went out to crew for **Jerry Blouin** in the NOOD regatta.

**RACER'S RESOURCE BOARD**

**Dave Whittier** of **Stuart Marine** in Rockland Maine is the exclusive builder of Rhodes 19s. Call Dave at 207-594-5515 for pricing on new boats, used boats, repairs and parts.

**Cape Cod Shipbuilding**, makers of the Zepher extrusions most of us use, provides a full range of mast and boom hardware and fittings. Call **Dick Landis** at 508-295-2240.

"**Phil's Foils**" We've built a couple of dozen Rhodes 19 rudders over the past few years under our "Phil's Foils" brand name and feel we build a very high quality product. **Phil Locker**  
[www.fastcomposites.ca](http://www.fastcomposites.ca) (613) 599-6951

**Benjamin Parker** operates Aequoris Yachts and does all varieties of glass work and boat repair. Contact Ben at  
[benjamin.parker@aequorisyachts.com](mailto:benjamin.parker@aequorisyachts.com) or at 58 Gregory Street, Marblehead (207) 319-3583.

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**Neal Lewanda** – repairs, fiberglass/gel coat, rudders, keel work, etc. - [neallewanda@msn.com](mailto:neallewanda@msn.com), (508) 264-7973

**Waterline Systems, Inc** provides a complete range of services. Call at (401) 682-1661.

**Doyle Sails** at 978-740-5950 for fast Rhodes 19 sails

**Sailor Tailor** [www.sailortailors.com](http://www.sailortailors.com) for boat covers, rudder bags and any other marine stitching need.

**NOTICE BOARD**

Please mail postings to [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net).

**Boat for Sale** O'Day 1429: Race ready, faired bottom finished with VC Performance Epoxy, Duplin keel, recent Lewanda rudder, two full suits of sails including 2009 main and jib and 2010 spinnaker. New cockpit cover and rudder sleeve. Interstate ready trailer. Asking \$12,500. Contact **Tom Despres** at [tomdespres@comcast.net](mailto:tomdespres@comcast.net).

**Boat For Sale** O'Day 1762. Original O'Day, has never been optimized but is in good shape. Asking \$3,500. Also willing to discuss co-ownership arrangement that includes a mooring. Call **John Read** at 781-631-0669.

**Boat Wanted** Looking to buy a Rhodes to race next season. Contact Doug at [doug@zurnyachts.com](mailto:doug@zurnyachts.com).

**Sails Wanted** Non racer looking for used sails. Contact **Jim Livermore** at 603-742-5230 or [jdgold@earthlink.net](mailto:jdgold@earthlink.net).

**Sails Wanted** Racing program needs used sails that have a little life left in them. Contact **Ted Cremer** at 631-868-3726 or [tcremer@optonline.net](mailto:tcremer@optonline.net).

**Crew Available** Former U.S. Sailing Instructor **Jay Watt** is new to Fleet 5 and interested in crewing this year. (*Editor's note - sounds like a find!*) Contact Jay at [jay.watt@gmail.com](mailto:jay.watt@gmail.com).

**Crew Available** Former Viper sailor **Duncan McIntyre** and wife **Kathleen** are want to sail this season. Both are experienced skippers and crew. Contact Duncan at [aduncanmcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:aduncanmcintyre@gmail.com) and Kathleen at [kathleenmcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmcintyre@gmail.com).

**Donate Your Old Rudder** If you have an old rudder taking up space in your basement or garage, please consider donating it. Contact Kent Hallawell at [KentandB@aol.com](mailto:KentandB@aol.com).

**Donate Your Used Sails.** Courageous Sailing Center is always looking for used sails for its fleet of Rhodes 19s. If you'd like to donate your old sails and get a tax break for it, contact **Miguel Corti** at [miguel@courageoussailing.org](mailto:miguel@courageoussailing.org).

**FLEET 5 TRIVIA**

(Answers on Page 4)

- Who were the last three winners of the Labor Day Series?
- Sloan & Charlie Pendleton** have hosted our Labor Day party for several years now. Who hosted it before them and for how many years?
- Which active members of Fleet 5 are pilots?
- Special nonsequator bonus question – How many keyboardists played with the Grateful Dead, what are their names and which of them are still alive?

**ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 10**

*Top 10 As of 7/31/11*

**Evan Cooke & Pete Kaznoski Win Race Week**

The K-team, **Pete & the Kid**, went out and got it done, and for their efforts took home Fleet 5's most prized trophy; the spittoon. As usual, consistency won the day, as they got just one bullet but threw out a 12, finishing 11 races with just 48 points. **Chris Small & Doug Trees** took 2<sup>nd</sup> on the tie breaker with 55 points, nipping **Team Pandapas**, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, also with 55 points. **Team Heffernan** took 4<sup>th</sup> with 59 points and **Seamus Hourihan & Peter Frisch** finished 5<sup>th</sup> with 60 points. Congratulations to all!

The story of this regatta was the depth of the fleet. Eleven different boats, or just under half the fleet, accounted for all the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. Seven boats collected bullets over the 11 races – the **Jim Taylor** team got three of those. And eight boats collected 2nd place finishes with the **Feltons** getting three. That's great depth.

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**RULES & TACTICS – ROLL AWAY** by Charlie Pendleton

In past articles I've threatened to write an article about roll tacking. I've been watching you, and it's time. I'm amazed at how many people just push the tiller over, cross to the opposite side of the boat and wait for the boat to start moving again. I've also noticed a trend – the younger sailors in our fleet, out of college, roll tack their boats. It's really fast in the dinghies they sail in college and they know it works in a Rhodes 19.

Done well, you can gain up to a boat length per tack on someone that is not roll tacking. If you average 3-4 tacks per windward leg, that's a nice gain. Roll tacking involves the following three concepts:

- 1) Steering with your weight and minimizing the need to use your rudder
- 2) Minimizing the amount of time your mainsail isn't working
- 3) Increasing the apparent wind in your sails

Roll tacking is a little like synchronized swimming (I said a little) in that it requires the skipper and crew to work in unison, moving their weight around the boat. Going into the tack, Jim and I will ease the main a touch and both move our weight to leeward; the crew moving to leeward and the skipper stepping onto the leeward bench. Doing this causes the boat to round up, without having to use the rudder, which disrupts the water flow and slows you down.

Just after the jib starts to luff and before we pass head to wind, we will both throw our weight onto the windward (what will become leeward) side of the boat. This keeps the apparent wind in the main sail, as the boat steers through the tack.

As the boat completes its tack, and the mainsail pops over, both skipper and crew are on the new leeward side and the boat is heeling to leeward. Depending on the amount of wind, the skipper and (in moderate to heavy air) crew will move across the boat to the new windward side and rock/hike the boat back to its normal sailing angle, increasing the apparent wind in the sails and helping the boat accelerate out of the tack. Coming out of the tack, we will slightly under trim the sails and sheet them back in as the boat reaches full speed. Coming out of a good roll tack you can feel the boat jump forward and get back up to speed in far less time.

I hope to see more of you roll tacking out there!

**ROAD TO THE CUP – TOP 10** *Continued from previous page*

So in Cup competition, after four days and 11 races, **Pete & the Kid** managed to slap another seven points of pad between them and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Team Pandapas**. Once Race Week is over, it's pretty tough to blow a 17 point lead, especially if you're doing Twilights and the boats immediately behind you are not. But as they the saying goes, it ain't over 'till it's over. **Seamus Hourihan & Peter Frisch** jumped up a slot into 4<sup>th</sup>, pushing the **Pendleton / Raisides** team down to 5<sup>th</sup>. **Joe Fava & Elise Mazareas** jumped from 10<sup>th</sup> all the way up to 7<sup>th</sup> on their solid Race Week performance, and **Team Hallawell / Beckett** fell from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. **Steve Uhl** survived Race Week in the top 10 despite his absence, courtesy of **Mike Lane**, who raced his boat.

As of July 31, the top-10 rankings are as follows\*:

1st	2648	Pete Kaznoski & Evan Cooke	134.5
2nd	982	Team Pandapas	151.5
3rd	2692	Team Heffernan	188.5
4th	1210	Frisch / Hourihan	218.0
5th	1217	Pendleton / Raisides	224.0
6th	1299	Team Felton	288.0
7th	1360	Fava / Mazareas	301.0
8th	1926	Jim Taylor	303.0
9th	2585	Steve Uhl	310.5
10th	2435	Hallawell / Beckett	330.0

*\*Once again, I pinch hit on the scoring this week to get this newsletter out on time. Any mistakes in these standings are mine entirely, with sincere apologies to the scorer and to anyone left out or incorrectly ranked. kp*

Week 11 racing will include the Twilight race on Thursday night and 2-3 races on MRA Series 3 Day 1 this Saturday.

The next Road To The Cup email blast will be next week at the end of Week 11.

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. In reverse chronological order, they were:  
2010 – Kim & Christina Pandapas  
2009 – Kim & Christina Pandapas  
2008 – Chris Small & Doug Trees
2. Prior to the Pendletons, **Barbara & Kent Hallawell** hosted the Labor Day Party for at least 15 years. Honestly, we don't know the exact number, but it was a lot.
3. There are just two that we know of, though there certainly must be more. **Nick Cann** is an airline pilot and **Steve Uhl** flies for fun.
4. They had six. Ron "Pigpen" McKernan, their original keyboard player died in 1973 at age 26 of a gastric hemorrhage brought on by alcoholism. Pigpen's replacement, Keith Godchaux, died in 1980 in a car crash. Brent Mydland, the best musician among the casualties, died of a drug overdose in 1990. Vince Welnick was keyboard player during the band's last phase died at age 51. The cause was not released. Tom Constanten, a member of the Dead during the late 1960s, and Bruce Hornsby who sat in occasionally through the late 80s and 90s, both remain alive.